

Robert Toombs House
Washington, Wilkes County, Georgia

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ROBERT TOOMBS HOUSE
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Owner: Mrs. Kathleen B. Colley.

Date of Erection: First quarter of the nineteenth century.

Architect and Builder: No record.

Present Condition: Good.

Number of Stories: Two, and basement.

Materials of Construction: Wood.

Other Existing Records: See text.¹

Additional Data: See following pages.

¹ See also the following reference:

Georgia Homes and Landmarks, by Southern Features Syndicate,
page 50.

DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ROBERT TOOMBS HOUSE, Washington, Wilkes County,
Georgia.

Frame, two stories and basement, pitch roof.
Typical example of the Neo-Classic dwelling built in
Georgia in the first quarter of the nineteenth cen-
tury.

"Story of Wilkes", by Eliza Bowen, states that
the original house was built by Dr. Joel Abbott, a
distinguished physician, who came from Connecticut, 1794.

Following the death of Dr. Abbott, the house
was occupied by Rev. Alexander Webster. It was later
bought by Wm. L. Harris, by whom additions were made.

It was purchased by General Robert Toombs
who made further additions.

Many distinguished lawyers ~~of that day~~ were
entertained by General Toombs prior to the Civil War.

The present owner, Mrs. Kathleen B. Colley,
states that the house was first occupied by General
Toombs in 1830.

Owned, occupied and well maintained by
Mrs. Kathleen B. Colley.


P. THORNTON MARYE
DISTRICT OFFICER HABS

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